

What is claimed is:

1. A method for accessing an email attachment from a mobile vehicle,
5 the method comprising:
receiving an email attachment from a remote server at a vehicle
telematics unit;
determining a classification of the email attachment;
routing the email attachment to one of a plurality of vehicle
10 communication units based on the classification of the email attachment.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving a notification
signal at the telematics unit, and setting an internal software flag responsive to
the notification signal.
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3. The method of claim 2 wherein the internal software flag triggers
receiving the email attachment at the mobile vehicle telematics unit.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein determining the classification of the
20 email attachment comprises determining whether the file is an audio-only file and
routing the attachment to one of a audio unit or display screen based on the
determination.
5. The method of claim 4 further comprising setting a bit in a random
25 access memory of the mobile vehicle telematics unit and thereby routing the
email attachment to one of the audio unit or the display screen.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the email attachment is temporarily
stored in a random access memory within the telematics unit.
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7. The method of claim 6 further comprising deleting the email attachment from the random access memory within the telematics unit after the email attachment has been routed to one of a plurality of vehicle communication units.

8. A computer readable medium storing a computer program for a system to receive email attachments comprising:

- computer readable code for receiving an email attachment from a remote server at a vehicle telematics unit;
- computer readable code for determining a classification of the email attachment;
- computer readable code for routing the email attachment to one of a plurality of vehicle communication units based on the classification of the email attachment.

9. The computer readable medium of claim 8 further comprising computer readable code to receive a notification signal at the telematics unit, and set an internal software flag responsive to the notification signal.

10. The computer readable medium of claim 9 further comprising computer readable code for triggering receiving the email attachment at the vehicle telematics unit.

11. The computer readable medium of claim 8 further comprising computer readable code for determining whether the file is an audio-only file and routing the attachment to one of a audio unit or display screen based on the determination.

12. The computer readable medium of claim 11 further comprising computer readable code for setting a bit in the random access memory of the vehicle telematics unit and thereby routing the email attachment to one of the
5 audio unit or the display screen.

13. The computer readable medium of claim 8 further comprising computer readable code for storing an email attachment temporarily in a random access memory within the vehicle telematics unit.
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14. The computer readable medium of claim 13 further comprising computer readable code for deleting the email attachment from the random access memory within the telematics unit after the email attachment has been routed to one of a plurality of vehicle communication units.
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15. A system for accessing an email attachment from a vehicle, the system comprising:
means for receiving an email attachment from a remote server at a vehicle telematics unit;
20 means for determining a classification of the email attachment; and
means for routing the email attachment to one of a plurality of vehicle communication units based on the classification of the email attachment.

16. The system of claim 15 further comprising means for receiving a
25 notification signal at the telematics unit, and setting an internal software flag responsive to the notification signal.

17. The system of claim 16 further comprising means for triggering
30 receiving the email attachment at the vehicle telematics unit.

18. The system of claim 15 further comprising means for determining whether the email attachment file is an audio-only file and routing the attachment to one of a audio unit or display screen based on the determination.

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19. The system of claim 18 further comprising means for setting a bit in the random access memory of the vehicle telematics unit and thereby routing the email attachment to one of the audio unit or the display screen.

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20. The system of claim 15 further comprising means for temporarily storing the email attachment in a random access memory within the telematics unit.

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21. The system of claim 20 further comprising means for deleting the email attachment from the random access memory within the telematics unit after the email attachment has been routed to one of a plurality of vehicle communication units.